

REMARKS

Upon further review of the claims submitted with Amendment A referenced above, applicant wishes to clarify the claims by suitably amending independent claim 20 and dependent claims 27, 31 and 32 as noted herein.

Prompt and favorable examination of the pending claims, claims 20-38, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

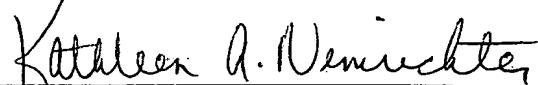
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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 20, 27, 31 and 32 as follows:

20. (Twice Amended) An electronic thermometer comprising:

a display device (6) for displaying a temperature of an associated object under temperature measurement in a predetermined display digit number;

a temperature measurement device (3) for generating a temperature measurement signal based on the temperature of the associated object;

a computation device (5) for computing a temperature value of a digit number larger than the predetermined display digit number to be displayed on the display device (6) on the basis of the temperature measurement signal; and

a control device for controlling the display device to display a first temperature value portion and a second temperature value portion, wherein the first portion is displayed with a first set of predetermined digit or digits, and the second portion is displayed with a second set of predetermined digit or digits including any digit or digits other than the first predetermined digit or digits.

27. (Amended) The electronic thermometer according to claim 20, wherein the control device controls the display device to display the first [and] or the second temperature value portions in a single temperature measuring operation.

31. (Amended) The electronic thermometer according to claim 21, wherein a temperature value computed by the computation device has four digits as expressed in one of Centigrade and Fahrenheit, the first temperature value portion [including] consisting of a portion of the temperature value of higher three digits while the second temperature value portion includes a portion of the temperature value of the lowest fourth digit.

32. (Amended) The electronic thermometer according to claim 22, wherein a temperature value computed by the computation device has four digits as expressed in one of Centigrade and Fahrenheit, the first temperature value portion [includes] consists of a portion of the temperature value of higher three digits while the second temperature value portion [includes] consists of a portion of the temperature value of lower three digits.